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1. FOREIGN MINISTER RUIVO TOLD ME TONIGHT THAT PRESIDENT WOULD RECEIVE ME TOMORROW. (WE ONLY MADE REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT THIS EVENING.)

2. RUIVO SAID MAIN SUBJECT PRESIDENT WANTED TO RAISE WAS ANGOLA. GOP INTENDED UNDERTAKE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE WARRING FACTIONS IN ORDER TO KEEP INDEPENDENCE SCHEDULE. GOP WOULD LIKE "BIG POWERS" AS WELL AS AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ASSIST THEM IN THIS.

3. I SAID WE ALL AGREED THAT CONTINUED WARFARE IN ANGOLA WAS NOT IN ANYONE'S INTEREST, BUT THAT USG HAD LITTLE INFLUENCE IN THAT AREA. WHILE WE WERE ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN TO GOP ON THIS SUBJECT OUR ATTITUDE AND WHATEVER INFLUENCE WE HAD WOULD BE CONDITIONED BY GOP POLICIES. RUIVO WAS CLEARLY SKEPTICAL WHEN I SAID WE HAD LIMITED INFLUENCE.

4. LATER TALKED WITH PRO-AMERICAN FONOFF EUROPEAN DESK OFFICER WHO CONFIRMED PRESIDENT INTENDED PUSH ME ON ANGOLA TOMORROW. WHEN I TOLD HIM WE HAD LITTLE INFLUENCE IN POLITICAL AREA, HE SUGGESTED WE OFFER TO ASSIST IN EVACUATING REFUGEES.

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5. RECOGNIZE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD LITTLE TIME TO REACT TO REFTTEL,
BUT I DID NOT EXPECT APPOINTMENT SO SOON. IF PRESIDENT DOES
RAISE ANGOLA, REQUEST I BE AUTHORIZED, PURSUANT TO SECRETARY'S
DECISION DURING MY CONSULTATION, TO RESPOND BY SAYING WE PREPARED
TO PARTICIPATE IN AIRLIFT IF REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT. WOULD ALSO
LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TELL HIM IN GENERAL TERMS THAT WE MIGHT
BE WILLING TO HELP PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID TO REFUGEES HERE,
DEPENDING ON OUR CAPACITY AND NATURE OF PROGRAM GOP SETS UP. WE
WOULD ALSO NEED GOP PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR THIS.
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